

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Oct. 18, 2018

## **OPENING**

President Adrian Crane called together the big crowd and invited Charlie Christensen to lead us in song. New member Carol Yates led the pledge, and Marty Villa offered the prayer.

## **GUESTS/INTERCLUB**

Two repeat guests: James and Brian, plus a friendly contingent of seven from the Greater Turlock Kiwanis Club.

## **InterClubs:**

Ken Darby reported that five NMK members visited Atwater-Winton on Tuesday. The next InterClub will be in Nov. 21 in Mariposa. Ron Edwards from Turlock invited us to join them for an outing Dec. 14 at Black Oak Casino.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several folks were very impressed by last week's program by the representatives from Cleansing Hope Shower Shuttle and want to help. Over the next few weeks, Roger Suelzle will be collecting socks and undergarments for to be presented to the Shower Shuttle. In addition, the board will be asked to consider a monetary gift.

**Kelli Ott from Shower Shuttle provided this information on what kinds of items they need: "the men get much more wear from boxers or boxer-briefs...the classic tighy-whitey just doesn't wear well! And we serve about 2/3 men, 1/3 women, if that helps."**

Robert Husman has five people to help with the barbecuing at Camp Taylor's Cars for Hearts event this Saturday. He could use a couple of more. Also, Heroes Helpers (first responders helping kids) is seeking the names of kids who would benefit from a Christmas shopping spree. Names are needed by Nov. 21; the spree will be Dec. 9. Talk to Robert about these opportunities.

Jennifer Mullen reminded everyone that Breakfast with Santa will be Dec. 1. Loren Suelzle has many more tickets to be sold. Wayne Henry purchased \$250 in tickets to be given to needy families.

Adrian reminded folks of two other volunteer opportunities: This Saturday at Rec Fest at Gateway Park along the Tuolumne River (contact Adrian) or the CDA Cares community dental clinic the following weekend.

Randy Cook summarized upcoming socials: the wine tasting in Lodi on Oct. 28 (the sign-up sheet was circulated again) ; a joint meeting with Sunrise Rotary on Nov. 15 at the airport, where we can expect a great breakfast. And Christmas events are in the calendar below.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron Wilkinson celebrates #59 tomorrow and is headed to Hawaii. He's happy to be with us after being in a serious car accident about two months ago. Tyler Richardson wasn't with us this morning; Happy Wedding Anniversary anyway.

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## HAPPY AND SAD BUCKS

Marci Boucher shared a hilarious moment from last Thursday's Education Foundation dinner. During the live auction, Jeremiah Williams was bidding on an expensive Surla's dinner --- with Marci's bidder card. Fortunately, he dropped out of the bidding. Jeremiah thought Marci's expression was worth another happy buck. He's happy to be alive 😊

Bob Dunbar is happy that he will be a great grandfather soon.

Judy Herrero is sad she inadvertently left the birthday people out of last week's bulletin.

Larry Hughes is sad that the Greater Turlock Kiwanians he went to school with have gotten so old.

Randy Cook is happy that his team came in second in the recent Jessica's House Golf Tournament. Randy's daughter volunteered at the non-profit.

Cory Warner experienced the limits of the Nissan GTR when he joined Aaron at a Cars & Coffee in Scotts Valley. A wild ride?

Ron Edwards from Greater Turlock was happy that due to Jeremiah's generosity he ended up with backstage passes to the Adkins performance at the Stanislaus County Fair.

Sabine Saso is sad that her car was broadsided in a recent accident but happy that Brent will be able to fix her car.

## PROGRAM

Ron Wilkinson introduced today's speakers: Erin Nelson, Executive Director, and Brad Quillen, who is in charge of the chaplaincy and education, for Jessica's House, a non-profit based in Turlock that offers grief support for children, teens and young adults.

Brad shared the surprising number that 1 in 15 children will have lost a parent or sibling by the time they are 18 years old. They define grief as what is going on inside a person who has experienced such a loss while mourning is how that grief comes out, through talking, crying, art or other outlets.

Jessica's House was started in 2011 through Emanuel Medical Center in memory of Jessica Everett, who died at age 9.

The nonprofit offers a number of programs, with a family emphasis. Parents or grandparents attend groups while the children are too. There are peer support groups for children as young as 3 and as old as 25. There are separate groups for children who have lost parents and those

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who have lost siblings. There also groups for people who have lost a family member to suicide or homicide and a Heartstrings group for people who have lost a baby.

All of the programs are offered free. Jessica’s House currently serves 260 kids and 175 adults.

Erin said they always need volunteers, especially men because so many children have lost a father. For information, email [info@jessicashouse.org](mailto:info@jessicashouse.org), call 250-5395 or go to [jessicashouse.org](http://jessicashouse.org).

## MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Ron Wilkinson had the right ticket but pulled a white marble from the bag. George Bairey won the lunch money.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**Oct. 25** -- Author Ken White on cultural goings on in Modesto

**Nov. 1** – Salvation Army Lt. Quinton Markham from the Red Shield Center.

**Nov. 8** – report from board meeting

**Nov. 15** – joint meeting with Sunrise Rotary at the airport.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>Wine tasting in Lodi</b>
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Breakfast With Santa</b>
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Book sorting</b>
<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Wrapping party</b>
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Christmas basket distribution</b>

Current Board			
President	Adrian Crane	2017-2019	Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal, Robert Husman, Bill Ryan
1st Vice President	Marci Boucher		
2nd Vice President	Robert Husman		
Past president	Eric Angelo	2018-2020	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
Secretary	Lori Rosman		George Bairey, Bill Heyden
Treasurer	Britta Skavdahl		
Event Committee Chairs			
NMK Field Games	Jim Felt	CASA Golf Tournament	Jim Toal
Chicken A Go Go	Charlie Christensen	Breakfast with Santa	Jennifer Mullen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa	Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside
Committee Chairs			
Community Services	Richard Reimche	Membership Retention	Marci Boucher
Young Children Priority One	Robert Husman	Social Committee	Randy Cook
Youth Services	Marci Boucher	Programs	Steve Collins, Judy Herrero
Sponsored Youth	Brent B(Enochs), Ken Nolte	New Member Bios	George Bairey
	(Vanguard), Bill M (Central),	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
	Marty Villa (Davis)	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa	New Member Orientation	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
Scholarships	Bill Ryan	Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
		Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero
Membership Growth	Robert Husman	InterClub	Ken Darby
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